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NEW HOPE M. E. CHURCH - BUZZARD COMMUNITY

between Frost and Dunmore

* Benjamin Arbogast one of the pioneers of the Buzzard community built a brick house where Cornelius Buzzard now lives. It was in this house they had all of their first preaching services. The young folks, their shoes in hand, walked to Greenbank to church on Sunday. On their return they attended Sunday School and prayer meeting which was conducted in John Buttons barn. When they did all of their shopping at Hot Springs, Virginia, with only a narrow path wide enough for a pack horse, we do not wonder that they made no more than four trips a year, and that they treasured their shoes.

§ Their first church was of logs built about 1878. The deed for the land on which this church was built was given December 16, 1878 by Morgan Buzzard and Rhoda his wife to Sampson Buzzard, Clark Dilley, Zane B. Grimes, Stephen H. Wanless and Armenius Buzzard, trustees. $\frac{1}{2}$ acres and 4 poles for the sum of \$1.00.

X Some of the early members were: Morgan Buzzard, Sampson Buzzard, Ellenor Buzzard, Rhoda Buzzard, Peter Buzzard, Estaline Buzzard, Sarah Lindsay, John Lindsay, Sally Grimes, Zane B. Grimes, Sally Arbogast, Clark Dilley, Margaret

Dilley, and Frances Buzzard.

About 1900 the people of the community decided that this old church was no longer safe to use for it looked as if it was going to fall down, so they decided to build a new church on the same lot.

Timber was plentiful and there was a saw mill in the community owned by W. A. Buzzard. It was agreed the people would contribute timber enough to build the church and have it sawed on this mill. It was completed in 1903 at a cost of \$1100. All of this amount was paid by the people of the community with the exception of \$50. which was paid by the church extension. James Gragg and O. B. Sharp were the carpenters. The building committee consisted of George Arbogast, Howard Bussard, Ellis Bussard and P. Moore, but Howard and Ellis Bussard were the main ones who went ahead with the work.

John Lindsay, Howard Bussard and George Arbogast were the original trustees.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. George P. Moore from Edray.

This church was used by the Methodists for many years, but as the years went by several Brethern moved into the community and the Methodists let them use the church. At the present the Methodist minister preaches two Sundays per month and the Brethern minister the other two Sundays, though both denominations attend all services regardless of denomination, and all worship together in the Sunday School.

They have a very good Sunday School with an average attendance of 55 for the past year. There are no Ladies Aid or any other church organizations.

The main attendants are the families of E. P. Shinaberry James Wilfong, Charles Wilfong, Anthony Barnett, Mrs. Wash Hill, Mrs. Lucy Moore and John Lindsay, with ^{Edward} Ed. Galford, E. P. Shinaberry, Anthony Barnett, Pansey Shinaberry, Charles Wilfong and Harry Bussard as the main church workers.

Present trustees: Anthony Barnett, Charles Wilfong and Edward Galford.

Present Stewards: Mrs Cecil Shinaberry, Anthony Barnett and Charles Wilfong.

* From- History of Dunmore-

by Ella Pritchard

Church Records

Court Records

X Anthony Barnett

X Howard Bussard